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TONIGHT: Partly cloudy with a high of 60 and lows below 40.

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SUNDAY: Showers later in the day, cooler, with a high of 53 and a low of 36.

verbatim

"There's nothing cooler than smoking, am I right?"

David Brown, sophomore

Professor Charges Wrongful Arrest

After DIP Acquittal, Carole Corcoran Alleges Charge Stemmed From Holding Hands With Another Woman

By SHAWNA SHEPHERD

News Editor

A professor arrested and charged with drunk in public was found not guilty Oct. 14 in Fredericksburg General District Court. Carole B. Corcoran, professor of psychology, has charged that the college police arrested her not for being drunk, but because she was holding hands with another woman.

On Sunday, Aug. 29, at 2:31 a.m., Corcoran and her sister-in-law Pamela S. Myers, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were arrested at the intersection of William Street and Sunken Road by college police Officer Devin Clarke. Myers, who did not appear in court,

was also acquitted.

According to Lt. Rick Knick of the Office of College Police, the two women were arrested for "appearing in public in an intoxicated condition." Drunk in public is a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Corcoran declined to be interviewed for this story on the advice of her attorney, Margaret Hyland, but wrote in a letter to The Bullet: "In fact, the evidence suggests that the only reason [Clarke] stopped [Myers and me] was because we were

walking down the street holding hands and he therefore assumed (incorrectly) that we were in a lesbian relationship."

Clarke told a Bullet reporter that he did not arrest Corcoran and Myers because they were holding hands, but declined to comment on any other specifics of the case.

According to Hyland, in court Clarke reported that he saw Corcoran and Myers stumbling across the street. Hyland said Clarke admitted that he saw them holding hands, which Clarke said made it seem as though they were supporting one another.

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Carole Corcoran.



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Tibetan Liberation

Nuns from the Khachoe Ghakyil Ling nunnery in Nepal performed Tibetan music, dance and speech Thursday Oct. 14 in Dodd Auditorium. The nuns were raising money to build a monastery in Kathmandu, a town in Nepal and trying to promote womens' and spiritual liberation. See story page 4.

Board Of Vistors Begins New Term

New Members Appointed

By MAGGIE RICHARDSON

Staff Writer

Early Wednesday morning before leaving for work, Mona Albertine received the call that she had been appointed by the governor to the college's Board of Visitors. By Thursday afternoon, the BOV's first meeting, she had taken her oath, read through a five-inch binder of reading material, and battled hurricane Floyd to get to the Fredericksburg Circuit Court clerk's office to be sworn in.

Albertine, a Fredericksburg resident, is one of these people named to Mary Washington College's Board of Visitors by Gov. Jim Gilmore (R-Va.). He also appointed Fred D. Thompson, Jr. of Ashburn and reappointed Vincent DiBenedetto of Winchester.

"I am very happy. The appointment came before the first Board of Visitors meeting so I could attend," Albertine said. "Being an alumni and already familiar with the campus made me feel comfortable so I didn't come in cold."

In a Sept. 21 press release, Gilmore explained the reasons for his selections to the BOV.

"These are distinguished individuals who bring qualified experiences and stellar academic backgrounds to the board," Gilmore said. "I am confident they will strive to maintain Mary Washington's tradition of providing academic excellence and exceptional individual attention to it's students."

Albertine, president and CEO of Jabberwocky

Inc. and president of Albertine Properties Inc., co-founded Jabberwocky Children's book store in Fredericksburg. On the BOV, she says she will work to serve the college and the community.

"Public college is funded by taxpayers and I do need to answer to them as far as spending their money wisely," Albertine said. "I am looking out for the best interest of the college and its taxpayers and I do take that very seriously."

Thompson is chief administrative officer of Thompson Hospitality Services, a food services



Diana May/Bullet

Jabberwocky children's bookstore founder Mona Albertine was recently appointed to the BOV.

organization for colleges, government agencies, businesses, and restaurants.

"I love the academic atmosphere," Thompson said. "In my present job I visit college campuses and make sure we are satisfying the students needs. Whether the board decides to build a field house or renovate a building, we must first and foremost think of the impact upon the students."

DiBenedetto, an investigator for the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, is looking forward to serving a second term.

"I am involved in the civic life of my hometown, serving on the Planning Commission, Kiwanis, Moose, Jaycees, and other organizations, but it is my service on [the BOV] which gives me the greatest pleasure," DiBenedetto said. "Mary Washington College is

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Governor To BOV: Follow My Agenda

By SHAWNA SHEPHERD

News Editor

Rector Paul Dresser said as a member of the Board of Visitors at Mary Washington College, he is no foot soldier of the governor.

Wilbert Bryant, secretary of education, has been widely quoted in recent weeks as saying that the boards of visitors at Virginia's public colleges and universities answer to Gov. Jim Gilmore and the General Assembly, and not to the college presidents.

"I do not consider myself a foot soldier," Dresser said. "The heart of the college is academic freedom, and it would be a sad occasion if we all fell in line. It would be very uncreative."

Though he denies using the term "foot soldier," first reported last month in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Bryant did say in his opening remarks to the governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education on Sept. 8 that the boards of visitors have a responsibility to Gilmore, to the parents and students who pay for education, and to the taxpayers that subsidize the institutions.

"They should show a chain of responsibility to Gov. Gilmore," Bryant said in a phone interview. "The board members should ask questions, they should not rubber-stamp approve the president's ideas."

In his remarks to the commission, Bryant stressed

that the presidents of the colleges work for the boards of visitors, not the other way around.

"I believe all of our college presidents want what they believe is in the best interest of their students, but in some instances, their priorities may not always be the priorities of the governor," Bryant said.

Members of the college's Board of Visitors said Bryant's charge to the boards around the state is no different than the mandates from past governors.

John Van Hoy, a Gilmore appointee to the board, and a 1980 alumnus, said Gilmore wants the board to reflect the governor's conservative views.

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Anderson Suggests BOV Nix Football

By JOSEPH JOHN MCCALLISTER

Staff Writer

Mary Washington College will not have a football team this year or any time in the near future. President William Anderson recommended to the Board of Visitors in a July 12 report that initiating a football program at the school would not be a feasible option at this time.

"The board received, discussed, and accepted President Anderson's report on the analysis of a Division III football team," said Paul Dresser, rector of the BOV.

According to the report, the President's Office looked at other schools similar in size to the college that also maintained football teams, to see what the potential financial demands might be for the college. In addition, the report addressed concerns about how a new team would fit in with Title IX restrictions, which requires

equality in funding for men and women's sports.

The president's report, stadium construction costs ranged anywhere from \$2 to \$10 million, with Elon College in North Carolina having the most expensive stadium with a seating capacity of 2,000 to 5,000 people.

Stadium costs varied depending on seating capacity, and the type of playing surface used, according to the report.

"I think that where we are right now, [a football team] would be too costly," Anderson said.

According to Anderson's report, the addition of a football team would cost the school \$350,000 to \$500,000 in operating expenses. These figures would constitute 35 percent to 50 percent of the school's total athletics budget.

In addition to these operating costs, another

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BOV Members Say They're No Foot Soldiers

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The first order of business: "To make sure there is not a lot of waste in the capital expenditures," Van Hoy said.

According to Van Hoy, the board does not always agree with the president on issues, but the board has had relatively little conflict with the college administration.

"The president handles the administration and the faculty. We obviously don't agree with the president all the time," Van Hoy said. "But he has the students' best interests at heart and we have very little conflict."

Mary Washington College President Bill Anderson said he is aware that he works for the board, but he does not see how the Board of Visitors of the college has been influenced by Gilmore, despite the fact that the members of the board are appointed by the governor.

"I don't sense that from our board there is any mission at all that has been given to our board," Anderson said, who added that the college already follows Gilmore's three goals for higher education in Virginia: to be excellent academically, affordable to state residents, and accountable to taxpayers so that their money is spent wisely.

According to state Sen. Edd Houck (D-Fredericksburg), the boards of visitors for the colleges should focus on their institutions.

"The board's first priority and loyalty should be to the institution, not the governor," Houck said. "They are the most knowledgeable about the mission and the needs of the college."

Mark Miner, Gilmore's press secretary, said the duty of boards of visitors is to maintain Gilmore's higher education goals.

"[Boards of visitors] are there to make sure [colleges] are held accountable," Miner said in a phone interview.

From time to time, Anderson said past governors have called to ask him about his views of the composition of the college's Board of Visitors, but that hasn't been the case with the current governor.

"I have not talked to Gov. Gilmore about any board appointments," he said. "There is no reason to call, but several others did in the past."

Dresser said that though the BOV doesn't work for the governor, it does consider his perspective in setting policy for the college.

"We are still operating as we have in the past," he said. "We are quite

responsive to the General Assembly and the governor's office."

Dresser said the current board was not affected by Bryant's charge.

"I try not to let my focus be diverted from the background noise of politics around Richmond," Dresser said, adding that the college's board is not influenced by partisan politics because the board is united on most issues.

Other schools' boards have struggled with divisive issues in recent years, however. The College of William and Mary found itself in turmoil this summer when board members split over whether to extend a long term contract the college president in a fight that became public and acrimonious.

Bryant made his comments to the Blue Ribbon Commission, a committee of Gilmore appointees working on a still uncompleted study on higher education.

Dresser said the commission can be positive for higher education down the road, but said he is uncertain because the study is not yet completed.

"As they say, the devil is in the details and we haven't seen the details," he said.

Anderson Reports To BOV That Football Would Be Too Costly

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\$2 to \$3 million would be needed to build appropriate facilities for a football team, according to Dresser. These facilities would include a stadium and a field house.

Dresser explained that one of the provisions of starting a new football team would be that the new addition could not detract from the existing athletic teams.

Dresser said that by allocating a large amount of money for a new team, other teams may have had suffer cutbacks.

Another reason for postponing the decision is that the addition of a male team might put MWC in violation of Title IX provisions which states that athletic participation opportunities, and financial aid, must be equal for both male and female students.

Currently, 54 percent of the college's athletes are female and 46 percent are male.

According to the report, this "participation rate differential," the ratio between those students participating and those enrolled in the school, is not substantially disproportionate.

"If we added a football roster of 60 or more males to our male participation and enrollment numbers, our participation rate differential for females would jump to more than 20 percent and [would] not constitute substantial proportionality, when compared with

enrollment rates," according to Anderson's report.

To resolve this issue the school would need to cut existing men's teams, or create 60 more opportunities for women, which would create two or three new teams, each of which would require coaches.

The ultimate cost of these changes would exceed \$200,000, annually, in addition to the cost of the football team and included facilities.

Anderson said that if a football team were to be added, a great portion of the financing would have to be added to student comprehensive fees.

"We need to spend money wisely to further student education," Anderson said. "Adding [extra charges] to

student fees would be nonsense, in my opinion."

"Our primary reason for being is to be an educational facility. Our athletic program is open to any students, and we truly have one of the best student athletic programs. However, our primary purpose is education. Anything that would dilute that would be tragic," he said. Student opinion was divided on the issue. "I think [a football team] brings the student body together," said Christina Blauch, a sophomore. "At larger universities, it's like a big tradition. It's one that everyone shares, like with my friends at UVA. When it's something everyone can be

for, it builds camaraderie."

Freshman Kirsten Barnum felt that with a school the size of Mary Washington College, a football team is not necessary.

"We have a rugby team, and a soccer team. That's fine. With a school this small, you can't afford to spread yourself thin," Barnum said.

The prospect of a football team was brought forth by the Mehford Committee, an image consultation group composed of college alumni, students and administrators. The committee suggested researching the possibility of a football to attract more male students, according to Anderson.

Dresser explained that the team would not have been aimed at only male students.

"The discussion is not only about the lack of males. The question is, is this a 'suicide' school? We need to attract students to stay," Dresser said. "And as much as we'd like to increase the number of male students here, it's hard. Not just because of the name, or not having a football team. Not as many males are going to college."

"I'd like to believe that we have a lot of quality sports for both male and female students," he said.

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President William Anderson



File Photo

New Members Ready to Tackle BOV Challenges

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one of the finest schools of its kind in the country, and it is an honor to be part of it."

The BOV has 12 members, six of whom must be graduates of the college. Currently nine of the 12 members are alumni. All but three members must be state residents. There are two nonvoting members, who represent the students and faculty.

Though many members of boards of visitors declare party affiliations, Mary Washington College's BOV does not consider itself either Republican or Democrat.

"We train our board members through a thorough orientation and place them on committees that they wish to serve on," Dresser said. "We have healthy debate. There are times I might table an issue to get more information so the board is able to reach a consensus rather than be divided on a topic."

The governor of Virginia, with confirmation from the General Assembly, appoints members of the BOV for four-year terms. The Alumni Association provides the governor with three names for each unfilled position. Each member is eligible to serve an additional four-year term.

The BOV's duties include appointing the president and faculty, conferring degrees, altering the curriculum and formulating all necessary rules and regulations. The BOV controls and disburses funds and is responsible for setting fees for tuition, determining the salary of the president and faculty, and providing for the employment of other required personnel.

Albertine has served on the board of directors of the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Inc. and the Fredericksburg Cultural Arts Foundation. In addition, she has

served on the Mary Washington College Distinguished Visitor's Committee and the College President's Council. She is a wife, and mother of three girls.

"The board oversees the management and operations of the college and see that they are done responsibly," Albertine said. "Though some boards have become contentious, our board is very congenial and we do all have the best interest of the college in mind."

Dresser met Albertine at the first BOV meeting and said she brings knowledge and accessibility to the college.

"Mona is very visible and, because she is local, is very accessible to the college," Dresser said. "She is very active in local Fredericksburg activities and is a very smart lady."

Fred Thompson is a former adjunct professor of government and public policy at Christopher Newport

University and Tidewater Community College. He has also served as the assistant to the president of Hampden-Sydney College. He is a husband, and father of a nine-month old baby boy.

According to Thompson, he has always been close to the college atmosphere and has developed a positive relationship with both students and administration.

"I went to Hampden-Sydney, a small, private school, and I have always considered Mary Washington College a sister school," Thompson said.

"Though this is my first time serving on a board, having worked as an adjunct professor I have developed a feel for the students and administration," Thompson continued. "I like to make decisions that I know first and foremost how they will effect the students. They are our most important resource."

According to Dresser, Thompson's past experience and close association with the college atmosphere will be beneficial to the BOV.

"Fred not only graduated from Hampden-Sydney, but he worked there as an assistant to the president so he obviously knows a small liberal arts college," Dresser said. "He knows how to work with faculty and an operating budget. I expect him to hit the ground running."

Vincent DiBenedetto was first appointed to the BOV in 1994 to finish an unexpired term and was appointed to a full term in 1995. He is currently BOV vice rector and chair of the BOV Student Affairs Committee.

According to Dresser, DiBenedetto is skilled in working with both students and administrators at the college.

"Vince is very involved in public affairs in Virginia," Dresser said. "He has the college at heart and has been a very faithful board member."

Professor Files Grievance

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"The officer did not meet his burden of proof," Hyland said.

According to Hyland, Corcoran told the judge that she and Myers had two drinks over a three-hour period that evening and had been dancing. Hyland said that Corcoran and Myers could not have been drunk after having consumed so few drinks while dancing at the same time. Hyland said that Corcoran told the judge that she and Myers were drinking at an establishment that does not serve intoxicated customers.

Hyland said that Corcoran also told the judge in court that the reason she was holding hands with Myers was because her sister-in-law was scared of the late night walk along Lafayette Boulevard.

Corcoran said in her letter to The Bulletin that she has filed a grievance and a discrimination complaint through the college against Clarke.

College police declined to comment on Corcoran's allegations. Knick did say that two women holding hands is not suspicious behavior.

According to Sabrina Johnson, assistant vice president for human resources, when a grievance is filed, she tries to reach a negotiated settlement between the two parties. If an agreement cannot be reached, a faculty panel appointed by President William Anderson will review the complaint, make a decision and issue a sanction.

In her letter, Corcoran charges that Clarke treated her and Myers differently than others he arrested for drunk in public that night.

"I feel compelled to inform the MWC community that the MWC police officer did not administer any tests (breathalyzer, motor skills test, etc.) as he did to all others he

charged with the same misdemeanor that night," Corcoran wrote in the letter.

According to Knick, breathalyzers are only administered to students at the request of the administration, not other citizens.

"[Breathalyzers] are offered by police when it involves college students at the request of the administration for their use as far as any adjudication they wish to pursue," Knick said. "There is no requirement for a breathalyzer. It is based on the officer's judgement."

The Fredericksburg Police Department has the same drunk-in-public policy as the college police, according to Jim Shelhorse, public information officer for the Fredericksburg police. Both police departments only require breathalyzers for cases of driving under the influence.

Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, said that the college would not take any action against Corcoran even if she were convicted.

"If there were a situation where someone were under the influence on the job, the college would take action," he said. "In this particular case, that was not the situation."

Corcoran said that after her grievance and discrimination charges are resolved, she will discuss her arrest.

"I'm anxious to reveal the harassment we were subject to but will respect my lawyer's recommendation and discuss my case at a later point—in part to educate the campus and community about the existing presence of homophobia," she wrote in her letter.

Police Beat

By PENNY BEVERAGE

Staff Writer

▼ DUI/DIP

Sept. 25—Elizabeth Winchell was arrested and charged with DIP.

Sept. 26—Michael Drummond, a freshman, was arrested and charged with DIP.

Sept. 26—Amanda Ransone, a freshman, was arrested and charged with DIP.

Sept. 27—Richard Rose was arrested and charged with DIP.

Oct. 11—Robert Vincent Wheeler, 22, of Seaford, NY was charged with DIP at Randolph Hall.

▼ LARCENY

Oct. 3—Several bicycles were stolen from 6883 Sunken Rd. Seven of the bicycles were recovered.

Oct. 8—Several compact discs, valued at \$480, were stolen from Mason Hall.

Oct. 12—Petit larceny was committed in Mason Hall. Three Nintendo games were stolen at a total value of \$180.

Oct. 12—A bicycle was stolen from the Woodard Campus Center. The bicycle is valued at \$150.

Oct. 19—A bicycle chained to the fence at the Jepson Science Center was stolen. The bicycle is valued at \$208.90.

▼ MISCELLANEOUS

Oct. 12—LaToya Patricia Marshall, a sophomore, was arrested and charged with credit card theft and the misdemeanor of credit card fraud. Virginia State Police were involved in the case.

Oct. 12—The hinges were torn off of a door in Mason Hall. The damage is valued at \$30.

Viewpoints

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editorial

No Football, No Problem

Everyone at Mary Washington College should wholeheartedly thank the Board of Visitors and President William Anderson for saving us from 60 minutes of athletic humiliation every Saturday in the fall. At the recommendation of Anderson, the BOV wisely decided not to pursue starting a football program at the college.

College football at its best can be incredibly exciting and draw a community together in school spirit. However, Division III college football at a small liberal arts college made up of predominately women will not work and will not succeed. The college has many successful sports.

Many of our teams have competed deep into the NCAA tournament and have challenged for national championships. The last thing we need is a football team that will finish 0-10. If we want to spend more money on athletics we should give it to a team on the verge of winning a national championship.

The dirty little secret about starting a football team here, a secret that proponents of football do not want you to realize, is that football will suck the athletic program's budget dry.

The numbers do not lie. Building a stadium will cost \$2 to \$10 million. Simply put that's a whole lot more money than this athletic program, and our pockets, can afford. After all, the cross country team sells Kit-Kat Bars just to try to buy warm-up equipment. How many Kit-Kat Bars would students have to sell for a stadium?

Furthermore, the program will cost \$350,000 to \$500,000 to operate per year, or roughly 35 to 50 percent of the athletic program's total budget. Anyone still wanting a football team should think about this question: have you ever seen a Division III football game? If you haven't, there's a reason why ESPN televises only one Division III game a year.

Homecoming is this Saturday. The men's and women's soccer teams play as do the men's and women's rugby teams. Let us focus our attention on the teams we already have and give them the credit they deserve.

For those who still want to see a great college football game on Saturday, please stay in your residence hall room, turn the television to ABC and watch the Purdue and Penn State game. That is the closest you are going to come and ever should come to football at Mary Washington College.

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Professor Alleges Police Harassment

By CAROLE CORCORAN
Guest Columnist

In the September 2, 1999 Bullet, my name appeared as having been charged along with Pamela Myers (my sister-in-law) with DIP ("Police Beat"). I was found not guilty of this charge on October 14, 1999 and Pamela Myers was also found not guilty without even appearing in court (she lives in Ohio).

Since I have filed a grievance and discrimination allegation which are still in progress, my attorney (an MWC Women's Studies graduate) has advised me not to comment on the case.

However, I feel compelled to inform the MWC community that the MWC police officer did not administer any tests such as a breathalyzer test, motor skills test, etc.

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Carole Baroody Corcoran is a professor of psychology.

Most Americans Lack Diversity Because They Only Speak English

By ANDREW WARD
Guest Columnist

Editor:

A popular joke in Europe these days goes like this: What do you call a person who can speak three languages? Trilingual. What do you call a person who can speak two languages? Bilingual. What do you call a person who can only speak one language? An American.

Hearty laughter inevitably follows. What this demonstrates is the fact that Americans' sorely underdeveloped language skills are the laughing stock of the whole world.

All too often it is the case that we are exposed to nothing more than a few years of substandard Spanish instruction in high school. Most of the class time was, in fact, spent by the teacher taking attendance and yelling at the Attention Deficit/Hyperactive kid who always tossed paper airplanes with "Tu madre es..." scrawled on the side.

By the time most Americans reach college, either lack of interest or ability has thwarted any hope of them gaining a strong handle on a foreign language.

Compare our situation to that of most countries in Europe. One must wander to the most backward village in the Carpathian Mountains to find a peasant who doesn't know how to speak at least a few words of English.

Even then, chances are, that villager can probably talk about everyday worries in two or three languages or their dialects. In Switzerland, it is compulsory that students learn French, English and German fluently.

It is understood that the prime age to learn a language is that of early youth, and therefore, young European boys and girls are provided with the multilingual instruction early on. How many Americans can communicate with them in their own language past, "Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir?"

In Middle Eastern nations, the citizens invariably know, depending on which country colonized it in the last century, at least one European language. On top of that, they can also read classical Arabic for Koranic and formal media purposes, as well as speak their own colloquial dialect.

In India (where this writer currently resides) there are

18 national languages, 225 other distinct languages, and at least 850 dialects. When the British left in 1947, their records showed that, should one wander eight miles in any direction, the commonly spoken language would change.

Owing to the fact that 74 percent of its 960 million citizens live in well over 565,000 villages, this is not surprising. One would immediately assume that, with all these dialects, languages, sub-dialects and slang terms, no one would be able to communicate with anyone.

On the contrary, Indians have managed to educate themselves to the point where even illiterate rickshaw walls can rattle off about pretty girls in five or six languages; naturally including English. The average north Indian middle-classes-our counterpart in a few years—will doubtless know Hindi (the first language of 300 million Indians), English, Punjabi, his own local dialect as well as a few words or phrases in Bengali.

Nateesh Upadhyaya, an internet cafe owner in southern Varanasi, can speak six languages fluently (English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhojpuri, Punjabi, and Bengali). His wife knows Sanskrit and a little Italian in addition to that which he knows.

They expressed great surprise when they learned that most Americans can barely get by grammatically in their own language, let alone in anyone else's. Much trouble was encountered in trying to explain to them the recent

Ebonics debate that raged in the States. After all, that is the only thing we have in response to the staggering figures presented above.

The time is fast drawing nigh wherein if Americans wish to hold on to their place as citizens of a superpower, then they must have the intelligence and the worldliness to back it up.

How can we expect to engage in commercial and cultural exchanges in the information age unless we are able to communicate with citizens of other countries? How can we expect to peacefully coexist if we don't even understand what other people are angry about when they tell us?

Mumbo jumbo mystics of marriage counseling and international relations will agree that communication is the key to any relationship. If this is not realized soon, Americans are in for a very lonely ride.

Andrew Ward is a junior, studying abroad in India.

Letters to the Editor

"Dear Bullette" Wanted Rather Than Crossword

Editor:

Last year, a column was added to The Bullet titled "Dear Bullette." At first, I thought it was a ridiculous waste of space.

As I read more issues of the newspaper, I began to enjoy the column more and more. This year, I was disappointed to see it gone. The space is now used for a crossword puzzle, which is a greater waste of space than I ever thought Madame Bullette was. Please bring Madame Bullette back.

Travis R. Morgan
Junior

Drinking Articles Deemed Inappropriate By Student

Editor:

I have been disturbed by recent issues of The Bullet. It seems to me that unwarranted emphasis has been placed on an activity that not every member of this campus takes place in or cares much about: drinking.

First, there was the article in the Features page of the September 23 issue ("Drinking Dirt Cheap") dealing with cheap beer. Personally, I do not believe that the quality of cheap beer should be included in a newspaper, much less a features article.

Was there no other issue or event occurring on Mary Washington campus more important than informing both drinkers and non-drinkers that a certain beer goes down and comes back up smoothly?

Then I opened the September 30 issue to find the question-of-the-week asking which professor would be the best drinking partner. While I realize that these questions are not to concern serious issues, this question is inappropriate.

If I were a member of this faculty, I would be offended to open the paper and find myself labeled as the best drinking partner. The supposition that a professor would be a "funny drunk" does not display due respect to that professor.

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BOV Members Say They're No Foot Soldiers

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The first order of business: "To make sure there is not a lot of waste in the capital expenditures," Van Hoy said.

According to Van Hoy, the board does not always agree with the president on issues, but the board has had relatively little conflict with the college administration.

"The president handles the administration and the faculty. We obviously don't agree with the president all the time," Van Hoy said. "But he has the students' best interests at heart and we have very little conflict."

Mary Washington College President Bill Anderson said he is aware that he works for the board, but he does not see how the Board of Visitors of the college has been influenced by Gilmore, despite the fact that the members of the board are appointed by the governor.

"I don't sense that from our board there is any mission at all that has been given to our board," Anderson said, who added that the college already follows Gilmore's three goals for higher education in Virginia: to be excellent academically, affordable to state residents, and accountable to taxpayers so that their money is spent wisely.

According to state Sen. Edd Houck (D-Fredricksburg), the boards of visitors for the colleges should focus on their institutions.

"The board's first priority and loyalty should be to the institution, not the governor," Houck said. "They are the most knowledgeable about the mission and the needs of the college."

Mark Miner, Gilmore's press secretary, said the duty of boards of visitors is to maintain Gilmore's higher education goals.

"[Boards of visitors] are there to make sure [colleges] are held accountable," Miner said in a phone interview.

From time to time, Anderson said past governors have called to ask him about his views of the composition of the college's Board of Visitors, but that hasn't been the case with the current governor.

"I have not talked to Gov. Gilmore about any board appointments," he said. "There is no reason to call, but several others did in the past."

Dresser said that though the BOV doesn't work for the governor, it does consider his perspective in setting policy for the college.

"We are still operating as we have in the past," he said. "We are quite

responsive to the General Assembly and the governor's office."

Dresser said the current board was not affected by Bryant's charge.


"I try not to let my focus be diverted from the background noise of politics around Richmond," Dresser said, adding that the college's board is not influenced by partisan politics because the board is united on most issues.

Other schools' boards have struggled with divisive issues in recent years, however. The College of William and Mary found itself in turmoil this summer when board members split over whether to extend a long term contract the college president in a fight that became public, and acrimonious.

Bryant made his comments to the Blue Ribbon Commission, a committee of Gilmore appointees working on a still uncompleted study on higher education.

Dresser said the commission can be positive for higher education down the road, but said he is uncertain because the study is not yet completed.

"As they say, the devil is in the details and we haven't seen the details," he said.



World News In Brief
Compiled by Teresa Joerger

Elizabeth Dole Ends Bid for Presidency
Citing a lack of funds, Elizabeth Dole has dropped her bid for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination. Although she ranks second among national polls and has raised over \$1 million, she lags behind Texas Gov. George Bush who leads the polls and has raised more than \$20 million so far.

Nazi Collaborator Flees France to Avoid Prison Term
An 89-year-old Nazi collaborator fled France to avoid going to jail Wednesday, Oct. 20. He was convicted of crimes against humanity for his role in sending over 1,500 Jews from France to Nazi death camps during World War II. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

During Cold War, U.S. Secretly Placed Nukes Around Globe
According to a study published in the Bulletin of the Atomic Sciences on Oct. 20, the United States placed thousands of nuclear weapons on bases in 15 foreign countries, including Iceland, Morocco, and Cuba, at the height of the Cold War without the countries' knowledge.

Corrections

The Bulletin would like to correct a statement that appeared in the Sept. 30 issue in an article, "Officer Promoted." Due to an editing error, the article incorrectly stated that police Sergeant Steve Simmons had been suspended for sexual harassment. According to Simmons, he was placed on administrative leave while being investigated for "supervisory misconduct." The Bulletin apologizes for the error.

The Sept. 16 article, "New Police Chief Chosen After Year of Turmoil," should have reported that Stan Beger, chief of college police, said college police officers had been underpaid in the past but no longer are.

Anderson Reports To BOV That Football Would Be Too Costly

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\$2 to \$3 million would be needed to build appropriate facilities for a football team, according to Dresser. These facilities would include a stadium and a field house.

Dresser explained that one of the provisions of starting a new football team would be that the new addition could not detract from the existing athletic teams.

Dresser said that by allocating a large amount of money for a new team, other teams may have had suffer cutbacks. Another reason for postponing the decision is that the addition of a male team might put MWC in violation of Title IX provisions which states that athletic participation opportunities, and financial aid, must be equal for both male and female students.

Currently, 54 percent of the college's athletes are female and 46 percent are male.

According to the report, this "participation rate differential," the ratio between those students participating and those enrolled in the school, is not substantially disproportionate.

"If we added a football roster of 60 or more males to our male participation and enrollment numbers, our participation rate differential for females would jump to more than 20 percent and [would] not constitute substantial proportionality, when compared with

enrollment rates," according to Anderson's report.

To resolve this issue the school would need to cut existing men's teams, or create 60 more opportunities for women, which would create two or three new teams, each of which would require coaches.

The ultimate cost of these changes would exceed \$200,000, annually, in addition to the cost of the football team and included facilities.

Anderson said that if a football team were to be added, a great portion of the financing would have to be added to student comprehensive fees.

"We need to spend money wisely to further student education," Anderson said. "Adding [extra charges] to

student fees would be nonsense, in my opinion."

"Our primary reason for being is to be an educational facility. Our athletic program is open to any students, and we truly have one of the best student athletic programs. However, our primary purpose is education. Anything that would dilute that would be tragic," he said.

Student opinion was divided on the issue. "I think [a football team] brings the student body together," said Christina Blauch, a sophomore. "At larger universities, it's like a big tradition. It's one that everyone shares, like with my friends at UVA. When it's something everyone can be

for, it builds camaraderie."

Freshman Kirsten Barnum felt that with a school the size of Mary Washington College, a football team is not necessary.

"We have a rugby team, and a soccer team. That's fine. With a school this small, you can't afford to spread yourself thin," Barnum said.

The prospect of a football team was brought forth by the McFoud Committee, an image consultation group composed of college alumni, students and administrators. The committee suggested researching the possibility of a football to attract more male students, according to Anderson.

Dresser explained that the team would not have been aimed at only male students.

"The discussion is not only about the lack of males. The question is, is this a 'suitcase' school? We need to attract students to stay," Dresser said. "And as much as we'd like to increase the number of male students here, it's hard. Not just because of the name, or not having a football team. Not as many males are going to college."

"I'd like to believe that we have a lot of quality sports for both male and female students," he said.



File Photo

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President William Anderson

New Members Ready to Tackle BOV Challenges

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one of the finest schools of its kind in the country, and it is an honor to be part of it."

The BOV has 12 members, six of whom must be graduates of the college. Currently nine of the 12 members are alumni. All but three members must be state residents. There are two nonvoting members, who represent the students and faculty.

Though many members of boards of visitors declare party affiliations, Mary Washington College's BOV does not consider itself either Republican or Democrat.

"We train our board members through a thorough orientation and place them on committees that they wish to serve on," Dresser said. "We have healthy debate. There are times I might table an issue to get more information so the board is able to reach a consensus rather than be divided on a topic."

The governor of Virginia, with confirmation from the General Assembly, appoints members of the BOV for four-year terms. The Alumni Association provides the governor with three names for each unfilled position. Each member is eligible to serve an additional four-year term.

The BOV's duties include appointing the president and faculty, conferring degrees, altering the curriculum and formulating all necessary rules and regulations. The BOV controls and disburses funds and is responsible for setting fees for tuition, determining the salary of the president and faculty, and providing for the employment of other required personnel.

Albertine has served on the board of directors of the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Inc. and the Fredericksburg Cultural Arts Foundation. In addition, she has

served on the Mary Washington College Distinguished Visitor's Committee and the College President's Council. She is a wife, and mother of three girls.

"The board oversees the management and operations of the college and see that they are done responsibly," Albertine said. "Though some boards have become contentious, our board is very congenial and we do all have the best interest of the college in mind."

Dresser met Albertine at the first BOV meeting and said she brings knowledge and accessibility to the college.

"Mona is very visible and, because she is local, is very accessible to the college," Dresser said. "She is very active in local Fredericksburg activities and is a very smart lady."

Fred Thompson is a former adjunct professor of government and public policy at Christopher Newport

University and Tidewater Community College. He has also served as the assistant to the president of Hampden-Sydney College. He is a husband, and father of a nine-month old baby boy.

According to Thompson, he has always been close to the college atmosphere and has developed a positive relationship with both students and administration.

"I went to Hampden-Sydney, a small, private school, and I have always considered Mary Washington College a sister school," Thompson said.

"Though this is my first time serving on a board, having worked as an adjunct professor I have developed a feel for the students and administration," Thompson continued. "I like to make decisions that I know first and foremost how they will effect the students. They are our most important resource."

According to Dresser, Thompson's past experience and close association with the college atmosphere will be beneficial to the BOV.

"Fred not only graduated from Hampden-Sydney, but he worked there as an assistant to the president so he obviously knows a small liberal arts college," Dresser said. "He knows how to work with faculty and an operating budget. I expect him to hit the ground running."

Vincent DiBenedetto was first appointed to the BOV in 1994 to finish an unexpired term and was appointed to a full term in 1995. He is currently BOV vice rector and chair of the BOV Student Affairs Committee.

According to Dresser, DiBenedetto is skilled in working with both students and administrators at the college.

"Vince is very involved in public affairs in Virginia," Dresser said. "He has the college at heart and has been a very faithful board member."

Professor Files Grievance

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"The officer did not meet his burden of proof," Hyland said.

According to Hyland, Corcoran told the judge that she and Myers had two drinks over a three-hour period that evening and had been dancing. Hyland said that Corcoran and Myers could not have been drunk after having consumed so few drinks while dancing at the same time. Hyland said that Corcoran told the judge that she and Myers were drinking at an establishment that does not serve intoxicated customers.

Hyland said that Corcoran also told the judge in court that the reason she was holding hands with Myers was because her sister-in-law was scared of the late night walk along Lafayette Boulevard.

Corcoran said in her letter to The Bulletin that she has filed a grievance and a discrimination complaint through the college against Clarke.

College police declined to comment on Corcoran's allegations. Knick did say that two women holding hands is not suspicious behavior.

According to Sabrina Johnson, assistant vice president for human resources, when a grievance is filed, she tries to reach a negotiated settlement between the two parties. If an agreement cannot be reached, a faculty panel appointed by President William Anderson will review the complaint, make a decision and issue a sanction.

In her letter, Corcoran charges that Clarke treated her and Myers differently than others he arrested for drunk in public that night.

"I feel compelled to inform the MWC community that the MWC police officer did not administer any tests (breathalyzer, motor skills test, etc.) as he did to all others he

charged with the same misdemeanor that night," Corcoran wrote in the letter.

According to Knick, breathalyzers are only administered to students at the request of the administration, not other citizens.

"[Breathalyzers] are offered by police when it involves college students at the request of the administration for their use as far as any adjudication they wish to pursue," Knick said. "There is no requirement for a breathalyzer. It is based on the officer's judgements."

The Fredericksburg Police Department has the same drunk-in-public policy as the college police, according to Jim Shelhorse, public information officer for the Fredericksburg police. Both police departments only require breathalyzers for cases of driving under the influence.

Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, said that the college would not take any action against Corcoran even if she were convicted.

"If there were a situation where someone were under the influence on the job, the college would take action," he said. "In this particular case, that was not the situation."

Corcoran said that after her grievance and discrimination charges are resolved, she will discuss her arrest.

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Police Beat

By PENNY BEVERAGE

Staff Writer

▼ DUI/DIP

Sept. 25—Elizabeth Winchell was arrested and charged with DIP.

Sept. 26—Michael Drummond, a freshman, was arrested and charged with DIP.

Sept. 26—Amanda Ransone, a freshman, was arrested and charged with DIP.

Sept. 27—Richard Rose was arrested and charged with DIP.

Oct. 11—Robert Vincent Wheeler, 22, of Seaford, NY was charged with DIP at Randolph Hall.

▼ LARCENY

Oct. 3—Several bicycles were stolen from 6883 Sunken Rd. Seven of the bicycles were recovered.

Oct. 8—Several compact discs, valued at \$480, were stolen from Mason Hall.

Oct. 12—Pettit larceny was committed in Mason Hall. Three Nintendo games were stolen at a total value of \$180.

Oct. 12—A bicycle was stolen from the Woodard Campus Center. The bicycle is valued at \$150.

Oct. 19—A bicycle chained to the fence at the Jepson Science Center was stolen. The bicycle is valued at \$208.90.

▼ MISCELLANEOUS

Oct. 12—LaToya Patricia Marshall, a sophomore, was arrested and charged with credit card theft and the misdemeanor of credit card fraud. Virginia State Police were involved in the case.

Oct. 12—The hinges were torn off of a door in Mason Hall. The damage is valued at \$30.

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No Football, No Problem

Everyone at Mary Washington College should wholeheartedly thank the Board of Visitors and President William Anderson for saving us from 60 minutes of athletic humiliation every Saturday in the fall. At the recommendation of Anderson, the BOV wisely decided not to pursue starting a football program at the college.

College football at its best can be incredibly exciting and draw a community together in school spirit. However, Division III college football at a small liberal arts college made up of predominantly women will not work and will not succeed. The college has many successful sports.

Many of our teams have competed deep into the NCAA tournament and have challenged for national championships. The last thing we need is a football team that will finish 0-10. If we want to spend more money on athletics we should give it to a team on the verge of winning a national championship.

The dirty little secret about starting a football team here, a secret that proponents of football do not want you to realize, is that football will suck the athletic program's budget dry.

The numbers do not lie. Building a stadium would cost \$2 to \$10 million. Simply put that's a whole lot more money than this athletic program, and our pockets, can afford. After all, the cross country team sells Kit-Kat Bars just to try to buy warm-up equipment. How many Kit-Kat Bars would students have to sell for a stadium?

Furthermore, the program will cost \$350,000 to \$500,000 to operate per year, or roughly 35 to 50 percent of the athletic program's total budget. Anyone still wanting a football team should think about this question: have you ever seen a Division III football game? If you haven't, there's a reason why ESPN televises only one Division III game a year.

Homecoming is this Saturday. The men's and women's soccer teams play as do the men's and women's rugby teams. Let us focus our attention on the teams we already have and give them the credit they deserve.

For those who still want to see a great college football game on Saturday, please stay in your residence hall room, turn the television to ABC and watch the Purdue and Penn State game. That is the closest you are going to come and ever should come to football at Mary Washington College.

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Professor Alleges Police Harassment

By CAROLE CORCORAN
Guest Columnist

In the September 2, 1999 Bulletin, my name appeared as having been charged along with Pamela Myers (my sister-in-law) with DIP ("Police Beat"). I was found not guilty of this charge on October 14, 1999 and Pamela Myers was also found not guilty without even appearing in court (she lives in Ohio).

Since I have filed a grievance and discrimination allegation which are still in progress, my attorney (an MWCC Women's Studies graduate) has advised me not to comment on the case.

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Carole Baroody Corcoran is a professor of psychology.

Most Americans Lack Diversity Because They Only Speak English

By ANDREW WARD
Guest Columnist

Editor:

A popular joke in Europe these days goes like this: What do you call a person who can speak three languages? Trilingual. What do you call a person who can speak two languages? Bilingual. What do you call a person who can only speak one language? An American.

Hearty laughter inevitably follows. What this demonstrates is the fact that Americans' sorely underdeveloped language skills are the laughing stock of the world.

All too often it is the case that we are exposed to nothing more than a few years of substandard Spanish instruction in high school. Most of the class time was, in fact, spent by the teacher taking attendance and yelling at the Attention Deficit/Hyperactive kid who always tossed paper airplanes with "Tu madre es..." scrawled on the side.

By the time most Americans reach college, either lack of interest or ability has thwarted any hope of them gaining a strong handle on a foreign language.

Compare our situation to that of most countries in Europe. One must wander to the most backward village in the Carpathian Mountains to find a peasant who doesn't know how to speak at least a few words of English.

Even then, chances are, that villager can probably talk about everyday worries in two or three languages or their dialects. In Switzerland, it is compulsory that students learn French, English and German fluently.

It is understood that the prime age to learn a language is that of early youth, and therefore, young European boys and girls are provided with the multilingual instruction early on. How many Americans can communicate with them in their own language past, "Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir?"

In Middle Eastern nations, the citizens invariably know, depending on which country colonized it in the last century, at least one European language. On top of that, they can also read classical Arabic for Koranic and formal media purposes, as well as speak their own colloquial dialect.

In India (where this writer currently resides) there are

FAST FACT:

During World War II, the U.S. Navy had a world champion chess player, Reuben Fine, calculate on the basis of positional probability—where enemy submarines might surface.

18 national languages, 225 other distinct languages, and at least 850 dialects. When the British left in 1947, their records showed that, should one wander eight miles in any direction, the commonly spoken language would change.

Owing to the fact that 74 percent of its 960 million citizens live in well over 565,000 villages, this is not surprising. One would immediately assume that, with all these dialects, languages, sub-dialects and slang terms, no one would be able to communicate with anyone.

On the contrary, Indians have managed to educate themselves to the point where even illiterate rickshaw walls can rattle off about pretty girls in five or six languages; naturally including English. The average north Indian middle-classes—our counterpart in a few years—will doubtless know Hindi (the first language of 300 million Indians), English, Punjabi, his own local dialect as well as a few words or phrases in Bengali.

Nateesh Upadhaya, an internet cafe owner in southern Varanasi, can speak six languages fluently (English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhojpur, Punjabi, and Bengali). His wife knows Sanskrit and a little Italian in addition to that which he knows.

They expressed great surprise when they learned that most Americans can barely get by grammatically in their own language, let alone in anyone else's. Much trouble was encountered in trying to explain to them the recent

Ebonics debate that raged in the States. After all, that is the only thing we have in response to the staggering figures presented above.

The time is fast drawing nigh wherein if Americans wish to hold on to their place as citizens of a superpower, then they must have the intelligence and the worldliness to back it up.

How can we expect to engage in commercial and cultural exchanges in the information age unless we are able to communicate with citizens of other countries? How can we expect to peacefully coexist if we don't even understand what other people are angry about when they tell us?

Mumbo jumbo mystics of marriage counseling and international relations will agree that communication is the key to any relationship. If this is not realized soon, Americans are in for a very lonely ride.

Andrew Ward is a junior, studying abroad in India.

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Letters to the Editor

"Dear Bullette" Wanted Rather Than Crossword

Editor:

Last year, a column was added to The Bulletin titled "Dear Bullette." At first, I thought it was a ridiculous waste of space.

As I read more issues of the newspaper, I began to enjoy the column more and more. This year, I was disappointed to see it gone. The space is now used for a crossword puzzle, which is a greater waste of space than I ever thought Madame Bullette was. Please bring Madame Bullette back.

Travis R. Morgan
Junior

Drinking Articles Deemed Inappropriate By Student

Editor:

I have been disturbed by recent issues of The Bulletin. It seems to me that unwarranted emphasis has been placed on an activity that not every member of this campus takes place in or cares much about: drinking.

First, there was the article in the Features page of the September 23 issue ("Drinking Dirt Cheap") dealing with cheap beer. Personally, I do not believe that the quality of cheap beer should be included in a newspaper, much less a features article.

Was there no other issue or event occurring on Mary Washington campus more important than informing both drinkers and non-drinkers that a certain beer goes down and comes back up smoothly?

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to the Writers Harvest supporting a great cause



to the swimming pool being closed until late October because of the lack of a heater



to the Employer Fair sponsored by career services



to Elizabeth Dole withdrawing from the presidential nomination race

in the stars

Aquarius - Certain aquatic influences make their present felt and you will be swimming in a sea of happiness. Enjoy yourself, you deserve this newfound feeling of freedom.

Pisces - A surprise will knock you off your feet today unless you decide on a balanced, detached approach to life. Stay calm and don't get too involved in the details.

Aries - Your social schedule has been hectic, but now the planets slow things down, which will provide a welcome relief. Make sure you spend some time alone when you can.

Taurus - Long term plans spring into view this week and you will feel like pushing ahead. Don't be too pushy. Timing is everything and this week, you need to be cautious.

Gemini - You have a tendency to jump to conclusions this week, which could cause a few angry scowls. There's more to this than you think.

Cancer - Try not to rush into decisions this week. You are in a transition period which requires time to digest before you leap into something new. Don't give in to pressure.

Leo - Don't just sit back and wait for others to react. They need a little prodding this week. Once you give them the initial encouragement, the sky's the limit.

Virgo - There is a great loving opportunity before you and it's about time you seized it. You have so much to gain and to give in this matter.

Libra - You are feeling adventurous this week, and when an obstacle arises you will be willing to leap over it in a flash. Remember that things are not always this easy.

Scorpio - You have things to say but you'll find it's not easy to get your views across. Others have trouble listening to you.

Sagittarius - Friends are asking for favors and you are glad to help, but not with those who are taking advantage. It's a fine line but you'll know how to strike the balance this week.

Capricorn - Wires may be crossed this week and you may find that others pick up the wrong idea from the vibes you are sending out. Try to be more clear.

Tibetan Nuns Bring 'Spiritual Liberation' To College

By LINA PENALOSA
Staff Writer

Swirling in a myriad of arresting colors, two women breathe life into the "Dance of Wisdom Sword." Cloaked head to toe in costume, the Tibetan nuns engage in a flurry of bodily gestures. Hopping in complete circles on one foot and then the other, while their arms swing out in graceful arcs, the nuns keep time to traditional Tibetan music.

Clasping the bottom edge of a sleeve in one hand, the other is used to slice the air with piercing sword thrusts. As the tempo increases to a climactic finish, a pounding drum, the bass tones of two great horns and the crash of cymbals punctuate a final series of sword thrusting.

As the dance ended, over 150 people broke into a round of applause.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, in Dodd Auditorium, 11 nuns from the Khachoe Ghakyil Ling nunnery in Kathmandu, Nepal presented "Women's Freedom and Spiritual Liberation: An Evening of Sacred Performance." Their demonstration included chanting, philosophical debate and ritual masked dancing to traditional Tibetan music. Established in exile, the nuns are touring the West this year to raise money to support the nunnery and its new arrivals. There are currently over 250 nuns with many more waiting to be admitted.

According to the Khachoe Ghakyil program, "The North American tour of the nuns of Khachoe Ghakyil Nunnery (KGN) marks the first time that a troupe of Tibetan nuns have traveled in the West to stage performances of sacred music, dance and theatre, and to introduce audiences to the central role women have played in the spiritual life of Tibet. It represents the breakthrough of Tibetan women to an unprecedented status in the spiritual life of Tibetan culture, a new egalitarian culture that is emerging in the Tibetan refugee communities of India and Nepal."

The nuns received \$2500 for their performance and another \$500 for housing and food during their stay.

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of classics, philosophy and religion, sponsored the event at the request of Mary Katherine Burke, co-chair of the new Friends for Free Tibet club.

"It was a unique event because [the nuns] came from Kathmandu," Aminrazavi said. "They're actually Tibetan Buddhist monks who live in exile in Nepal. All the costumes and ornaments came from there. It was as authentic as you can get."

The Asian Studies program, Martial Arts Club, James Farmer Multicultural Center, political science department and the classics, religion and philosophy department also helped sponsor the event.

Tsen La, a co-founder of the nunnery, introduced each dance, chant or debate with a story to explain its significance. After the "Dance of the Wisdom Sword," Tsen La described the next chant as an invitation to all holy beings.

"The words of prayer is an invitation to all holy beings to join us and to accept our offering of a crystal bath. This is not because they need a bath," Tsen La said as the audience murmured with laughter. "To purify the pollutions of our own negative energy, the celestial bath is an antidote. Then we offer the finest clothing our minds can create to be clothed forever in tolerance and patience. Then we offer the finest jewelry our minds can create. Forever mind and spirit is adorned in virtue."

Most of the dances and chants were accompanied by a combination of cymbals, collapsible great horns, two-sided

hand drums and Drilbus (hand bells).

Sophomore Kate Haley said that the performance was not what she expected.

"I was expecting more of a lecture, but I really liked it," Haley said. "It's so different from anything you could see in the U.S. When you first hear it the music is almost discordant, but then once you hear more it's very beautiful."

Carla Villar, a junior, was most impressed by the costumes and dancing.

"It's amazing how much energy they have. The masks are so ornate and detailed," Villar said.

Helen Sanders, a Mary Washington staff nurse, agreed with Haley and Villar.

"It's fascinating: your mind keeps trying to compare it to something, but it's a language I've never heard and the music is so different," Sanders said.

Khachoe Ghakyil literally translates to mean, "The Bliss-Whirl of the Sky-Dancers."

Tsen La, who was the first Tibetan nun, was both translator and the primary organizer of the tour. Tsen La currently resides in the U.S., working as a translator and teacher of Buddhism.

The other ten nuns, aged 20 to 35, were chosen for their talents in ritual arts. This is the first time they have traveled away from the Himalayan Mountains. According to the Khachoe Ghakyil website, these women are among the first generation of nuns to be fully educated in the monastic curriculum.

Originally the nuns resided with the monks of the Kopan monastery. By 1992, with Lama Zopa's and Lama Yeshe's encouragement, Tsen La and 55 other nuns had built their nunnery.

According to a brochure published by the Khachoe Ghakyil nunnery, fund-raising for the nunnery began in 1985 and land was bought near the Kopan monastery in 1990. During the next three years, the nuns did most of the construction work themselves, digging foundations, unloading bricks and carrying them by the back of the building site.

In an interview conducted for Glow magazine, Tsen La said she thought it would be a good idea for the nuns to do the first year's work of work since it didn't require skilled labor.

In having the nuns do it themselves, Tsen La said, "...it would feel like it's part of their life, as opposed to just me running around, getting money, build it and 'Here's a place!' I thought it would be good for the spirit or the morale."

The nunnery does not currently have any independent funding. Tsen La says any money that is left from the tour after the expenses are paid will go toward improving the

FAST FACT:

Koalas and humans are the only animals with unique prints. Koala prints cannot be distinguished from human fingerprints.



Diana May/Bullet

The "Bliss-Whirl of the Sky-Dancers" brought a message of tolerance and patience.

facilities at the nunnery.

The Tibetan nuns have performed at other U.S. colleges, including Amherst University, Rutgers University and James Madison University.

Aminrazavi hopes to have other Buddhist speakers come to the college, to run weekly activities and perhaps establish a Zen garden.

"I want to see how we can get the Dalai Lama here," Aminrazavi said. "He is the spiritual leader of Buddhism and the temporal leader of Tibet. That would be a major, major development for Mary Washington if we can get him to come. My goal is to have a number of ongoing programs like weekly meditations. We have even talked about getting a little piece of land to have a Zen garden."

To learn more about the Khachoe Ghakyil Nunnery visit their website at <http://members.tripod.com/Lhamo/Nuns/KGcrit.htm>.



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In Your Future I See...

Senior Larry Fillion reads Tarot cards to look into the future of his fellow students at the Mardi Gras festival on Oct. 19. The festival, which was held in the Underground and on the Lee Hall terrace, included live jazz from The Harry Wilson Trio, cajun food and a karaoke bar. C.O.A.R. sponsored the event, and were taking donations for charity on the terrace. Students performed such classic karaoke hits as Olivia Newton-John's "The One That I Want" and Salt-N-Pepa's "Shoop." The students also enjoyed the ever-talented AD Bob Franklin perform his "side job" as bassist in The Harry Wilson Trio. Between 50 and 60 people attended the festival, and the cajun food went fast.

Merriman's: Great Food, Empty Wallet

By KELLY DIXON
Staff Writer

It's no wonder we were practically the only ones there.

Then again, this is Fredericksburg, where the local people seem to stay in after 7 p.m. on Sundays.

Merriman's Restaurant and Bar, located at 715 Caroline St. in the heart of downtown Fredericksburg, from the outside appears small and quaint, with white-clothed tables.

Once inside, the linen, flowers and dim lighting bring out a feeling of coziness and the quaint antiquity that seems to preside in the entire town.

It's the kind of restaurant that, once stumbled upon, is like finding a hidden treasure.

Merriman's is the perfect place to take your date for a romantic dinner in an intimate setting.

With a menu offering such treats as filet mignon, calamari, chicken tortellini and an assortment of other steak, seafood and vegetarian dishes, Merriman's has something for everyone.

For the seafood lover, there are a variety of dishes featuring fish. The steaks are amazing. And for those who find it difficult to decide between steak and seafood, there are plenty of entrees offering a combination of both.

Merriman's also provides several enticing pasta dishes for those who opt to go meatless. And they have cheeseburgers for people who are a little less experimental than others.

Once seated, the simple elegance of Merriman's really hits you.

The music is not loud or distracting like the kind that some restaurants choose to play. This allows customers to carry on conversations

without distraction.

There are small, colorful paintings on the walls done by local artists. These feature little descriptions from the artists themselves.

The bar is located in the back of the restaurant, and has a dance floor for those who are in the mood to kick up their heels or have a romantic evening out on the town.

The service is exactly what one would expect from such a restaurant.

Our waiter was decked out in dress pants with a nice button-up shirt and a vest, looking every part the distinguished server in all of those small Italian restaurants you see in so many movies.

He was also quick, friendly and attentive, all without having to stop by our table every two minutes to ask how we were doing.

You do, of course, have to pay for the unusually excellent food and service.

The only drawback is just that. When you initially open up the menu and glance at the prices, your first instinct should be to get up and run.

Main dishes start at a hefty \$11.95 and only go up from there, with the costliest being the filet mignon at \$22.95.

For a party of two, you can easily expect to shell out anywhere from \$40 to \$50.

The bottom line is if you want to impress your date by taking him or her to a fancy restaurant with amazing food and price is not a concern, Merriman's should definitely be at the top of your list.

However, if you are looking for a place that isn't going to empty your wallet, you would be better off going somewhere else.

Why Do Students Still Smoke?

Even With Mountains Of Evidence, Cigarettes Remain Lit

By **RACHEL CAIN**

Staff Writer

Smoking is a popular pastime here at MWC, as evidenced by the overflowing ashtrays and butt-littered sidewalks. Why do so many people smoke?

Sophomore David Brown stopped smoking during summer vacation but resumed his habit once he returned to school.

"It's something to do," said Brown. "There's nothing cooler than smoking, am I right?"

Although smoking involves many health risks, such as lung cancer, impotence, chronic bronchitis and emphysema, millions of people continue to smoke. One senior, Eric Gins, decided the risks of smoking were too great.

"I quit because I thought I was going to die," Gins said.

Recently, major cigarette producer Philip Morris revamped its home page to include warnings that smoking can cause fatal health problems. Since the smoking population supports the Philip Morris company, the inclusion of these facts is surprising. Even more surprising is that the web site, <http://www.philipmorris.com>, also offers smokers tips on how to quit smoking.

Sophomore Oliver Dunn easily quit, but not for health reasons.

"It got to be too expensive," Dunn said. "I was buying a carton every week."

A carton contains 200 cigarettes and costs approximately \$20.

Many student smokers support the Philip Morris company; the company produces such well-known brands as Parliament, Merit and Marlboro brand cigarettes.

The company fears losing millions of dollars in lawsuits to cancer-ridden customers. By publicly stating that their product is harmful, Philip Morris can claim they are not liable for their customers' illnesses.

Sophomore Jason Price recently attempted to quit smoking, but failed. After a week, the temptation was



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Senior Mary Kate Burke continues to smoke against the wishes of the Surgeon General.

too strong, and he gave in to his addiction.

"The longer you go without smoking, the harder it is," Price said.

An anonymous student gave a different reason for smoking: "When you're drinking, you have to have a cigarette; smoking heightens your buzz."

Have you ever wondered what is in a cigarette? The Philip Morris web page lists the ingredients of every type of cigarette they produce. The ingredients for Marlboro Lights are: tobacco, glycerol, sugar, corn syrup, natural and artificial flavors, propylene glycol, diammonium phosphate and ammonium hydroxide.

The 1994 U.S. Surgeon General's Report stated that in addition to having a higher mortality rate, smokers are also more likely to get in fights, carry weapons, attempt suicide and engage in high-risk sexual behaviors.

Some people think smokers should consider the serious risks involved with their habit. After all, the ultimate smoking icon—the Marlboro Man—died of lung cancer.

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schedules

Men's Soccer

Oct. 23: vs. York, 3 p.m.
Oct. 27: at Marymount, 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 23: vs. York, 1 p.m.
Oct. 25: CAC Tournament: First Round, TBA.

Field Hockey

Oct. 23: at Messiah, 1 p.m.
Oct. 25: CAC Tournament: First Round, TBA.

Volleyball

Oct. 23: vs. Lynchburg, 1 p.m.
Oct. 24: vs. Centre College at Randolph Macon, 2 p.m.
Oct. 24: at Randolph Macon, 4 p.m.
Oct. 26: at Gallaudet, 7 p.m.

Cross Country

Oct. 23: Mason Dixon Invitational at Salisbury, MD, 11 a.m.

Men's Rugby

Oct. 23: Alumni Match, 2 p.m.

Women's Rugby

Oct. 23: vs. Longwood, 11 a.m.

scores

Men's Soccer

Oct. 2: MWC 3 Goucher 0
Oct. 7: MWC 5 Catholic 1
Oct. 13: MWC 13 Gallaudet 1
Oct. 16: MWC 2 Salisbury State 1

Women's Soccer

Sept. 30: MWC 11 Marymount 0
Oct. 2: MWC 2 Roanoke 1 (2 OT)
Oct. 5: MWC 4 Randolph Macon 0
Oct. 14: MWC 4 Catholic 0
Oct. 16: MWC 9 Methodist 1
Oct. 19: N.C. Wesleyan 1 MWC 0

Field Hockey

Oct. 2: Eastern Mennonite 6 MWC 1
Oct. 5: Salisbury State 2 MWC 1 (2 OT)
Oct. 13: MWC 3 Lynchburg 1
Oct. 16: MWC 1 Gettysburg 0 (ps)
Oct. 19: Randolph Macon 2 MWC 1

Volleyball

Oct. 1: MWC 3 U.S. Merchant Marine 0
Oct. 1: Scranton 3 MWC 2
Oct. 1: Bloomfield 3 MWC 1
Oct. 2: Bloomfield 3 MWC 0
Oct. 2: MWC 3 Fairleigh Dickinson-Madison 0
Oct. 6: Catholic 3 MWC 0
Oct. 16: Neumann 3 MWC 1
Oct. 16: MWC 3 Rowan 0
Oct. 16: Catholic 3 MWC 2
Oct. 19: Widener 3 MWC 0

Women's Rugby

Oct. 2: N.C. State 39 MWC 0
Oct. 16: MWC 23 William & Mary 0
Game Notes: After leading the William & Mary Tribe 5-0 at the half, MWC exploded enroute to a 23-0 win. Liz King led the team scoring two tries in the match.

Cross Country

Oct. 16: The men's team placed second and the women's team placed third at the George Mason University Invitational.

athlete of the week

Teresa Joerger Cross Country

Junior Teresa Joerger, who is also a Bull assistant news editor, placed ninth overall at the George Mason Addidas Invitational. She was the highest Division III finisher at the meet and was also named as one of the CAC Athletes of the week.

Rugby Team Seeking Varsity Status

By JEFF GRAHAM

Assistant Sports Editor

The decision by MWC not to pursue the establishment of a football team has made rugby enthusiast Richard Warner a very happy man.

Warner, professor of history and faculty advisor for MWC rugby, has long been a supporter of getting the rugby program more respect and support from the college. Warner believes wholeheartedly that bringing football to the college would have been a mistake. "A decision for a football team would end our chance at being this school's 'football' team," said Warner. "If they brought a football team here, it would have cost an enormous amount of money, and we'd bring teams in here that nobody ever heard of and we'd be beaten."

With football no longer an issue, Warner is ready to see the college take steps to promote the rugby program to the varsity level. MWC rugby, founded in 1983, is the college's only club sport, meaning it is not a part of the college's athletic program or the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Their club sport status also means they have no full-time coaching staff or complete financial support, which all of the college's varsity programs receive. All current rugby coaches are volunteers.

"Traditionally, we have been treated like a club sport," said Warner. "I don't think the athletic department cares for us necessarily. I respect the athletic program and think that over the years, the college has built it into a very strong and powerful NCAA Division III program, from nothing. Rugby would like to be in that program."

Rugby is under the supervision of the MWC Campus Recreation department. "As a club, it is their responsibility to administer their sport, provide coaching, etc.," said John MacDonald, director of campus recreation. "We help them with getting fields lined and maintained, a storage shelter has been built for them, and they get money each year from us."

Although the rugby program currently receives \$2,000 each year and has been provided a field to play on, the teams have had to bear much of the program's financial



Junior Jeff Hoffman (center) passes off as he runs downfield.

Diana May/Bullet

burden on their own.

"We're fortunate to have a very nice field to play on," said Warner. "It's one of the best on the East Coast. However, \$2,000 is not enough to run a team; I'll tell you that. Our union dues are quite expensive and tournaments cost a couple hundred dollars to enter. All players have to buy their own uniforms. All this makes it very difficult for us."

Ed Hegmann, MWC director of athletics, realizes that there has been interest in having the rugby teams join the athletic program. However, with MWC's intercollegiate athletic budget currently at \$1 million, Hegmann feels that financial issues are a big concern.

"There are resources to be considered," Hegmann said. "We just can't have everyone

that wants to be a varsity sport, be a varsity sport."

Hegmann also pointed out that varsity sports at MWC practice five times a week and players must adhere to the school's "no alcohol" policy at sporting events. At the present time, the rugby teams practice twice a week and alcoholic consumption after games is customary.

MWC President William Anderson, who made the final decision to not bring football to the college, says that the school is looking into other ways to provide financial support for the rugby program.

"One thing we are considering is trying to find some private assistance to help fund the rugby teams and maybe with some private funding, they could get some coaching," said

Anderson.

"I agree that rugby is a good activity and have talked with a couple Board of Visitors members who are strong advocates of rugby," he continued.

One of those advocates is Richard Cooper, Board of Visitors member and 1990 graduate of MWC. Cooper thinks it is the responsibility of the college to support rugby in every possible way.

"I do not speak for the Board of Visitors, but I think it is time to get past all the politics and cultivate this sport and maximize its potential," said Brooks. "It is a good program with an enthusiastic fan base and it is a great rallying point for the school. There is nothing

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MWC Field Hockey Team Suffers From Missed Opportunities; Loses 2-1

Offensive Struggles Continue Against Randolph Macon

By NATHAN BALLENTINE

Staff Writer

The MWC field hockey team had all the momentum in the world coming off Saturday's upset of then-undefeated and third-ranked Gettysburg College. The victory moved the team to 18th nationally.

On Tuesday, however, cold weather set in and the Eagles' offense went south as MWC lost to in-state rival and 20th-ranked Randolph Macon, 2-1, in a game filled with missed opportunities. The loss drops the team's record to 11-6.

With only two wins in their last five games, including a loss to national powerhouse and CAC foe Salisbury State, the team has watched their national recognition slip away. Ranked as high as 11th in the country in September, the Eagles have lately been struggling to stay in the top 20. After scoring 37 goals in their first 12 games, the offense has struggled of late, producing only 7 goals in their last five games, with three of those goals coming in a 3-1 win over Lynchburg College on Oct. 13th.

Tuesday's game continued that trend. MWC was held scoreless by a smothering Randolph Macon defense for most of the game. The only goal scored was a meaningless strike by freshman Shelley Sabo off an assist from junior Rebecca Kuehn in the last minute of the game.

The low score is not to suggest that the Eagles did not have opportunities to score. Over the course of the game, the team had an incredible 21 corner chances. Those, in addition to a number of shots that went wide or were blocked, amounted to countless chances that the team could not capitalize on. "We did not follow the ball to the goal," said coach Dana Hall.

But while the Eagles had the chances to score, the Randolph Macon defense was always there to deny any solid shot. Particularly on the corners, during which the Yellow Jackets forced 10 players into the



Cara Wheatley/Bullet

Junior Abby Porter is third on the team in scoring this season.

circle, MWC had little chance to get off an open shot. The Randolph Macon players moved more quickly to the ball and snuffed out any arising rushes.

Randolph Macon scored the game's opening goal on a picture-perfect pass and shoot past senior goalie Heather Carter. From that point on, the Yellow Jackets seemed in control of the game, especially after scoring their second goal of the game with 10 minutes left in the first half.

The Eagles play was sloppy and sometimes hesitant, as the Randolph Macon players constantly won battles and beat MWC to the ball.

We outworked them," said Randolph Macon coach Missy Ackerman. "Even though they had all of those opportunities, we outworked them and won."

The second half proved no different. Although the Eagles were a bit more

successful in moving the ball toward the Randolph Macon goal, they were inept when it came to making the most of their chances. Despite 11 corners, the Eagles were not able to come away with a goal until the last minute of the game, when the outcome was obvious.

The team has no chance to sit back and wonder what went wrong. Their last regular season game is Saturday at Messiah College. Five days after that contest, the Eagles must focus on the Capital Athletic Conference tournament.

With a 4-1 conference record, MWC has clinched a bye in the first round. Play resumes for the squad on Oct. 28 in the conference semifinals.

The statistics alone show that the Eagles can compete with anybody. Over the course of the season, MWC has outscored its opponents by a total of 45 to 26.

Pool Problems Continue At Gym

By GEOFF WHITE

Assistant Sports Editor

Because of all the delays and inconveniences, many students think that the renovation of Goodrick Hall has been a disaster. The latest problem has been with the swimming pool.

Earlier in the year the deck as well as the ventilation system of the pool were problems. Now that those have been fixed, the current problem is the pool's heating system.

The absence of a working heating system has caused the swimming team to practice at the Fredericksburg Academy's swimming pool.

It has also resulted in the cancellation of all swimming classes until further notice.

"I think it is very unfair to the students because they (the construction company) had a deadline and they keep missing it," said Lindsay Lloyd, a senior on the swim team.

Another senior swimmer, Kim Myers, said, "It is frustrating that this school cannot get things fixed on time. If this was Jepson it would never have happened. They had no problem finishing that project on time."

This situation has hampered the conditioning routine of MWC's well-renowned swim teams. When the team tried to practice in the pool many of the swimmers were unable to warm their muscles well enough to get an adequate workout.

The men working on the pool also created another conditioning problem.

Lloyd said, "It was very frustrating swimming in the pool because the workers smoked under the pool which seeped through the ventilation system and made it much harder for the swimmers to breathe."

"It is very hard to stay at our level of excellence without the facilities and respect we deserve," said Myers.

the Scene

your guide to entertainment



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Juniors Jessica Lowe and Sarah Kafka at karaoke during Mardi Gras at the Underground last Tuesday.

coming attractions

- ▼ **Thurs., Oct. 21:** *Bonfire*. Rocktoberfest. Performers: Between Mason and Randolph 8-10 p.m.
- ▼ **Thurs., Oct. 21:** *Movies*. "American Pie" 7 p.m. "South Park" 10 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$1.
- ▼ **Fri., Oct. 22:** *Dance*. "Dance Through the Decades" 9-12 p.m. Great Hall. \$2.
- ▼ **Fri., Oct. 22:** *Movies*. "South Park" 7 p.m. "American Park" 10 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$1.
- ▼ **Mon., Oct. 25:** *Contest*. "Mr. MWC" 7 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$3.

top ten movies

- 1) Fight Club
- 2) Double Jeopardy
- 3) The Story of Us
- 4) Three Kings
- 5) American Beauty
- 6) Random Hearts
- 7) Superstar
- 8) The Sixth Sense
- 9) Blue Streak
- 10) The Omega Code

Opening Soon:
"Being John Malkovich"
starring John Cusack, and
Cameron Diaz.

source: www.mrshowbiz.com

Quote of the Week:

"You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there."

—Yogi Berra

Kilmartin Gives Audience A Man-to-Man Talk

By CYNTHIA LOTZE
Staff Writer

"Accidental Queen?" "Pomocopia?" To the untrained reader these could be bizarrely twisted X-rated film titles, but to an audience barely able to remain seated from laughter, they are a couple of the many hilarious skits performed by one man show stopper Chris Kilmartin.

"Crimes Against Nature," performed Friday night in Dodd Auditorium, benefited the Rappahannock Councils Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence and was sponsored by the White Ribbon Campaign, an organization of men working to end men's violence against women.

Along these themes, much of Kilmartin's performance addressed the masculine conceptualization of women and men coming to terms with their own masculinity. Kilmartin emphasized the importance of gender equality and emotional communication in today's culture, backed by anecdotes presented in monologue form.

Though the show was presented in a dramatic format, complete with a set and props, Kilmartin didn't refrain from interacting with the audience. He laughed along and even had trouble regaining his own composure when the audience found certain things particularly funny. His day as a kindergarten drag queen and his first encounter with pornographic magazines brought laughter from both.

There came a few moments when the laughter continued bouncing back and forth from Kilmartin to the audience and the

illusion of the "play" completely ceased to exist. These moments worked well to support the believability of Kilmartin's show as not only a stand-up comedy type of routine, but a realistic portrayal of where many men stand in the world today.

Kilmartin's recollections of interactions with his father dealt with their relationship that was based on preserving each other's male pride rather than coming to terms with the emotions of a father-son relationship. These recollections formed the foundation of many of his monologues. "Field of Broken Dreams" dealt with Kilmartin's childhood dream to play baseball like his father and the daunting reality that, as Kilmartin put it, "I sucked."

Kilmartin's father, not able to express his sympathy for his son and find other activities in which to encourage him, gave the standard slug in the shoulder and told his son to keep working on it. Probably not what he had needed, Kilmartin reflected, but it was the only way his dad knew how to relate.

Another feature of the show, which humorously hit all too close to home for many of the male audience members was entitled, "The Awkward Lecture Ser es." Among these lectures was a father-son heart-to-heart prompted by the thirteen year old Kilmartin's dinner table inquiry, "just how does the sperm get in there?"

Kilmartin reenacted his father's repeated throat clearing and vague allusions to the logistics of sex, much to the uproarious

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CD Review: Methodman/Redman's "Blackout" Not So Bright Album

By EMMETT MANN
Assistant Scene Editor

The new Methodman/Redman album "Blackout" is aptly named. Judging from the downward-spiral of Methodman's and Redman's previous albums, it could be said that these rap legends are now completely in the dark. "Blackout" is a huge letdown, and hip-hop fans everywhere have been waiting for a collaboration between these two every since they dropped "How High" on the soundtrack for "The Show."

Since that time, however, something has gone terribly wrong. Redman and Methodman have simply stopped making good music. No more hard-boiled rhymes from Mr. Meth and no more smooth bass lines laced with ghetto anecdotes from Redman. Despite their joint effort, Methodman and Redman have only managed to stumble further from making great hip-hop.

The album's intro is halfway decent beat accompanied by Meth describing his ideal afternoon which consists of a full gas tank, a pound of weed and a destination in the east. The first song, the album's namesake, typifies the majority

of the album with its generic keyboard beat and weak hook. The rhyming on "Blackout" is intense, which almost makes up for the lack of good rhymes but not quite. Next comes "Mi Casa," which has a strong head-bobbing beat and rhymes akin to some of these rappers' better work. It is definitely one of the top three songs on the album.

Alas, the good times are short lived. "Mi Casa" is followed by a slew of duds, all of which are characterized by highly produced beats and monotonous rhyming.

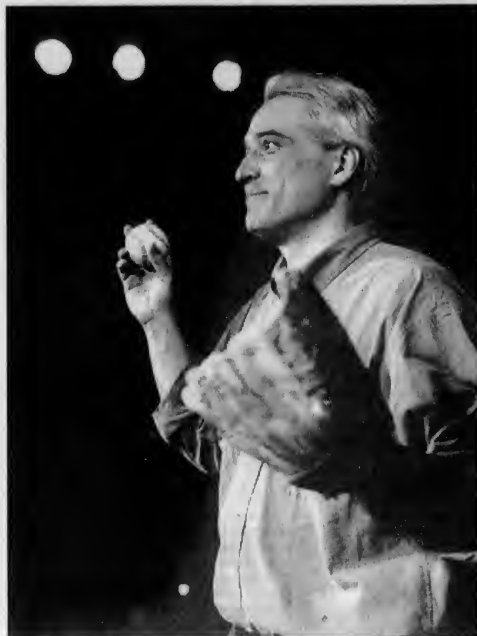
"4 Seasons" stands out as particularly bad, mostly due to guest appearances from LL Cool J and Ja Rule. Any true rap fan knows that LL is on the way out and was never really in. To invite him onto your album is to lose all credit in the hip-hop world. Ja Rule is almost as bad. LL and Ja on your track is just a small step away from inviting Puffy to rap his weak rhymes. The last flop in the slew is "Cereal Killer" which was produced by the RZA of the Wu-Tang Clan (surprise, surprise).

"Da Rockwilder" brightens things up a little, with its high-pitch hook and west-coast clap beat and is followed by the

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FAST FACT:

Another interesting connection between the movies of Steven Spielberg and George Lucas: The bar that Indiana Jones escapes from at the beginning of "Temple of Doom" is called the Obi-Wan Bar.



Publicity Photo

Associate Professor Kilmartin laments about bonding with his father over baseball in his stand up routine, "Crimes Against Nature."

Studio 115 Showcases Student Talent This Fall

By ALISON MAYS
Staff Writer

For students interested in Theatre, Studio 115, in its third year, offers endless possibilities for dramatic creativity. Studio 115 will be host to a number of shows this semester including "Bang Bang You're Dead," "Dreamwalk," scenes from the musicals *Les Miserables* and *Titanic*, as well as "Magic in Mind."

Located in the basement of duPont Hall, Studio 115 is a black box theatre equipped with digital lighting and sound systems allowing it to handle anything from monologues to full-length productions. A small and personal setting allows the audience to be close with the actors. While this intimacy is extremely effective for the audience, it is equally challenging to the actors.

Julie Hodge, chair of the Studio 115 committee, feels that everyone can learn a lot from being involved with such a project.

"It is a wonderful learning process for faculty and students alike," Hodge said.

Studio 115 is unique because the playwrights, directors, actors, technicians and designers are all Mary Washington students. This gives students the opportunity to display their one-act plays, scenes, monologues and other forms of performance art. Since the four

main shows put on the main stage every year have an obviously limited cast and crew, a major benefit of having Studio 115 is that more students can be involved in productions.

"Studio 115 is meant to be as open as possible," Hodge said. "The only rules that exist are there to keep things functioning in a quality manner."

"Bang Bang You're Dead" is a one-act play about a boy named Josh who murders his parents and then goes to his high school and kills five of his classmates. Freshman Kelli Hayes, who is the director, hopes that her show playing Nov. 4, 5 and 6 will not only bring about a greater awareness to the student body, but will also generate discussion that will lead to a better understanding concerning violence in the schools.

"It want it to] be a real eye opener and give people something to think about after the show," Hayes said.

In the aftermath of last year's Columbine High School shooting, this is a subject on everyone's mind. Hayes is the member of a drama organization, The International Thespian Society, and receives a year's subscription to Dramatics Magazine. It was from reading this magazine that she discovered "Bang Bang You're Dead" and decided that it would be an appropriate and

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Film Femme

By CHANDRA DASGUPTA

Viewpoints Editor

Actors and actresses most commonly enter the Hollywood grind in their 20s. The problem is that as our society becomes more entertainment driven, there is a surplus of young actors and actresses that end up making movies, even though they have no talent. There is a minority of young actors who are making either brilliant or at least decent career moves, and seem to have a lot of talent. Young actors can now be identified as the good, the bad and the ugly.

The Good

Liev Schreiber, at age 32, is a magnificent actor with his heart solidly placed in hilarious

On The Next Generation Of Hollywood

independent films, big-budget blockbusters and the classics. He is, in essence, well-rounded. He played loser-type guys in such independent classics as "Party Girl" and "The Daytrippers."

Schreiber has played a pretentious scientist ("Spidey"), a convicted murderer ("Scream" and "Scream II"), and a backwards "Phantom." Look for Schreiber this winter in "RKO 281," a movie about the making of "Citizen Kane" where Schreiber plays Orson Welles. Schreiber also appears this winter in "The Hurricane," with Denzel Washington as Rubin "Hurricane" Carter.

The English Jude Law who is only 26-years-old might not be known to much of the U.S. His biggest role was Kevin Spacey's young lover in "Midnight In The Garden of Good and Evil." He was also in "Gattaca" as the handicapped Jerome. Law's fame grew

on the London stage in the early 1990s, and he continues to make the stage his priority over movies. My guess is that Law will

explode over magazines and newspapers as soon as "The Talented Mr. Ripley" comes out on Christmas Eve. "Mr. Ripley" is a Anthony Minghella's ("The English Patient") latest movie starring Law, Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow and Cate Blanchett.



Jude Law contemplates being a Hollywood star.

Natalie Portman, at age 18, is the Audrey Hepburn of our generation. She will be an Academy Award favorite, she will make brilliant career choices, or bad career choices where she will do brilliant characters. Her track record is incredible. Before the age of

18, she had already worked with some of the world's best actors and directors. She showed a prodigious talent in "The Professional," "Beautiful Girls" and "Heat." Now she is going to college and making movies on the side (quite like another young talent, Jodie Foster). She has said many times that she has no interest in doing "Jennifer Love Hewitt type" movies. She is, in one word, awesome.

Edward Norton, at age 30, has already impressed Hollywood, and his first major role was only three years ago - already he is a force to be reckoned with. Nominated for two Academy Award acting awards in two year's time ("Primal Fear" and "American History X"), Norton changes pace and genre at the speed of light. This fall he is in the critically acclaimed "Fight Club," and this winter appears in the romantic comedy "Keeping the Faith," which he also directed and produced.

The Bad and The Ugly

The bad and the ugly can be summarized: any actor or actress that has ever starred on a

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If You Could Be Any Dessert, What Would It Be?

Photos and interviews by Diana May



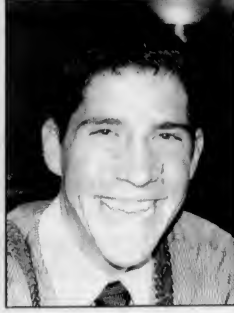
"Strawberry Shortcake, because I am a tart."

—Diana Conty, sophomore



"M&M's because I melt in your mouth not in your hands."

—Nichole Gubitosi, senior



"Banana split. Long in the middle and cool on top."

—Adam Giammarinaro, junior



"Chocolate mousse pie. But that would be scary because I would eat myself."

—Sarah Crow, sophomore



"Tiramisu, because it has a cool name."

—Karen Slotsky, junior

Student Ambitions Realized In Studio 115

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exciting piece to direct because of its relevance in today's society.

"Dreamwalk," written by Eddie Kennedy, is about a young woman having to cope with cancer and also deal with loved ones. Its director is sophomore Wendy Flora, whose life has been impacted by cancer. She feels that knowledge is an imperative step in decreasing the devastation caused by this disease.

"[In recent theatre] the focus has been on AIDS and this has caused cancer awareness and research to suffer," Flora said. Pink ribbons symbolizing cancer awareness will be handed out at the show and donations to cancer research will be encouraged. "Dreamwalk" will be performed Dec. 1, 2 and 3.

Freshman Monty Myers is directing a compilation of scenes taken from the musicals "Les Miserables" and "Titanic." He has run into numerous challenges while trying to put on this production.

"It's a lot harder than I thought it was going to be in the beginning," Myers said.

"Musical audiences have extremely high expectations," said Hodge, and she believes Myers has to work to meet those expectations. Myers is ready to do just that. In addition to his love for musical theatre, Myers was interested in doing a musical because it has yet to be done in the studio. Myers' scenes will run along with "Dreamwalk" in early December.

Freshman Dafna Yanovich hopes to become involved with Studio 115 in the future.

"[I] had so much fun acting in high school," Yanovich said. Sophomore and Bulletin staff writer Cynthia Lotze agreed.

"Everyone should do something dramatic at some point," Lotze said, "because you never know what you are capable of doing."

In addition to the performances later on this semester in Studio 115, a different kind of show will take place this weekend. Accomplished nontraditional magician Trey Cromwell, sophomore, will put on "Magic in Mind," which focuses on what he refers to as "mentalism."

"It's like a mind reading psychic phenomenon-type act," said Cromwell. "It's a lot more introspective than traditional magic, I think, because it forces you to look at the things around you."

Cromwell has been involved with magic for seven years, having performed for groups at various parties and events all over Virginia and Maryland, and even in



Karen Pearlman/Bulletin

Sophomore Trey Cromwell is presenting "Magic in the Mind" this weekend.

Las Vegas. He feels his magic is very different from traditional magic acts, with the card tricks and the disappearing rabbit in the hat.

"Magic for a lot of people makes them think of the how's," said Cromwell, "[But mentalism] makes the audience focus on the why's, and that's one of the things I address in the show."

Trey Cromwell will perform "Magic in Mind" this Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 8 p.m.

Come support Studio 115, in duPont Hall. Keep your calendar open this weekend for "Magic in the Mind." For more info call x1984

Method Man/Redman CD Is Not Worth It

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album's single "Tear It Off" which is a solid song but can't hold a candle to the rawness found in "How High." The one skit on the album, "Where We At," isn't funny at all and Redman's long-winded "Ode-to-the-Bricks" (The Bricks being the nickname for his hometown of Newark, N.J.) isn't all that interesting.

The last half of the album is most unremarkable with four exceptions: "1,2,1,2," "Dat's Dat S**t," "Cheka," and "Well All Rite Cha." "1,2,1,2" has some superb polyphonic scratching from DJ Scratch and the chorus and rhyming are exceptional. "Dat's Dat S**t" was produced by Mathematics from the Wu-Tang clan and has a decent beginning, but the song as a whole is somewhat stale. "Cheka" is truly where Meth and Red stumble. The idea of remaking anyone's song has never been welcomed in the hip-hop world where, due to the nature of rap, different musicians' work tends to

sound the same. So it would be safe to say that by remaking Das Efx's "Mic Checka" Redman and Methman have committed a pretty serious musical faux pas. "Cheka," however, is probably the best song on the album. "Well All Rite Cha," remixed from Doc's "The Name 2000," is just about what you hear on Doc's "The Name" but with a little extra flavor from Methodman. Tacked onto the end of the album is a remix of their original hit "How High" which, of course, isn't nearly as good as the original.

This album is just that; not as good as the original. Redman and Methodman at one time both made great music, so their latest album is almost unbearable in the reflection of their past hits. Let's hope that in time Methodman and Redman can find musical maturity without losing touch with their distinctive styles of funkiness, roughness and rudeness. grade: D

Kilmartin Delivers Macho Routine

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laughter of the packed auditorium. Another issue in the series was marked by the discovery in Kilmartin's wallet of a 2-year-old condom.

However, Kilmartin's subjects hit home with both men and women. Women could easily recognize the male characteristic behaviors Kilmartin addressed, as well as admit to the female behaviors at which he poked fun.

His favorite female idiosyncrasy, female double word talk, was illustrated many times. His example of "I know she slept with him, but did she sleep with him sleep with

him?" and "talk talking" not just "talking" were found by all audience members to be apt approximations of female behaviors and the male utter confusion thereby created.

With "Crimes Against Nature," Kilmartin has created a highly effective forum for his message. In recent years the topic of men's issues has come into a more positive light, losing its stigma as a touchy-feely feminization of masculinity. His humorous, normal, "guy's guy" standpoint on current issues facing men is easy to take and an easy viewpoint with which to identify, all wrapped up in a show that will keep you laughing.

Film Femme Examines Young Hollywood

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hit TV show on the WB, NBC or Fox. This also includes actors or actresses that can only play one role, which they keep getting over and over. But I can tell my gentle readers want names, so names you will get.

The bad and the ugly go something like this: Jennifer Love Hewitt, James Van der Beek, Freddie Prinze Jr., Keri Russell, Katie Holmes, Rachel Cook, Skeet Ulrich, Jennifer Aniston, Ryan Phillippe, Melissa Joan Hart, Neve Campbell, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Claire Danes, Denise Richards, and of course, Leonardo DiCaprio.

I really do love to complain. The majority of these pseudo-actors' "star power" is within the pre-teen-bubble-gum-Christina Aguilera-loving generation. This

generation only knows Jordan Knight and Joey McIntyre's solo careers. Those of us who remember the New Kids should expect quality, so please, refuse to promote these ridiculous actors.

Movies are an industry, there is no doubt. And the industry is cranking out these youth-oriented pictures like there's no tomorrow. This trend is going on the verge of burning out, and not in a blaze of glory, but rather through spontaneous combustion. There are a few potential winners in young Hollywood. And who knows maybe one of those above-mentioned losers will suddenly develop some skill. But for the most part, the next generation of Hollywood is leaving a lot to be desired.

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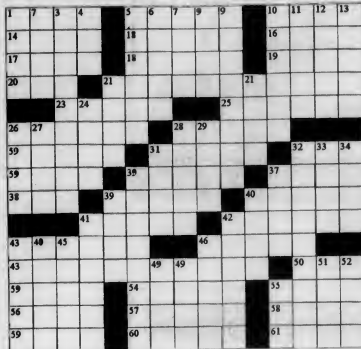


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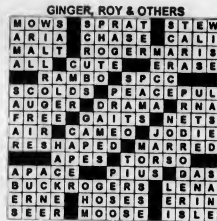
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"Life's Hurdles"



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- 1 Rude person
 - 5 Fictional elephant
 - 10 Dress
 - 14 Romeo
 - 15 Elicit
 - 16 Blood: prefix
 - 17 Split
 - 18 Buena
 - 19 Certain collar
 - 20 MS follower
 - 21 Gets a head start
 - 23 Dish
 - 25 borealls
 - 26 Takeoff
 - 28 Billionaire Bill
 - 30 Hackneyed
 - 31 Patches
 - 32 Dr. Seuss' cat apparel
 - 35 "that a shame"
 - 36 Pitt & others
 - 37 Alone
 - 38 Droop
 - 39 Thunder sounds
 - 40 Dried the dishes
 - 41 Greenbacks
 - 42 Falls to catch the ball
 - 43 Plan
 - 46 Fundamental
 - 47 Blind trust
 - 50 Select
 - 53 Greek pasta
 - 54 Casting mold
 - 55 Greek portico
 - 56 Track gathering
 - 57 Deal a blow to
 - 58 Rights org.
 - 59 Ends' companion
 - 60 "the Horrible"
 - 61 Pub serving

- DOWN**
- 1 Celtic poet
 - 2 Heavy stew
 - 3 Descendants
 - 4 Tell on
 - 5 Beholder's eye contents?
 - 6 Can you spare ___?
 - 7 Belch
 - 8 Great serves
 - 9 Tells again
 - 10 Malone's bar
 - 11 Release
 - 12 Love affair
 - 13 Actress Reed
 - 21 Green gem
 - 22 Colors
 - 24 Senate Majority Leader
 - 26 School grp.
 - 27 Diva's song
 - 28 Wall St. visual aid
 - 29 Helps
 - 31 Tow by force
 - 32 Children's game
 - 33 Out of harm's way
 - 34 Roosevelt and Kennedy
 - 36 Last in a Dr. Seuss series
 - 37 "Yes, yes Mario"
 - 39 Singer Perry
 - 40 Desire
 - 41 Terminals
 - 42 Stuff
 - 43 Instant replay: abbr.
 - 44 Mummified
 - 45 Initiated into the frat
 - 46 Flora and fauna
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 - 49 Highly excited
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 - 52 Stretched tight
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"Reporting Live" With Stahl

By ELIZABETH WATERS

Staff Writer

In 1986, when Lesley Stahl was chief White House correspondent for CBS, she, her husband and daughter paid a visit to President Ronald Reagan in the Oval Office. During the visit, Stahl noted the glazed look in the president's eyes and the fact that he didn't seem to know who she was, even though she had been covering the White House for all six years of his presidency.

She was convinced that Reagan was senile. "I knew almost instantly that I had an incredible story," Stahl said.

Trying to make Reagan laugh, Stahl told him that while she was reporting on the Carter White House, her daughter Taylor told friends that the president worked for her Mommy. But Stahl got no response from Reagan.

However, when Reagan's press secretary mentioned the fact that Stahl's husband had written a Hollywood movie, Stahl recalled that Reagan came back to life.

Later, as Stahl and her family were leaving, Reagan ran out to the car. He said to Stahl's daughter, "Taylor, I can't let you leave the Oval Office without telling the truth. I work for your mother, too."

Veteran newswoman and "60 Minutes" co-anchor Lesley Stahl came to Mary Washington College on Tuesday, Oct. 5 as part of the Fredericksburg Forum program, "60 Minutes with Lesley Stahl."

Stahl gave a brief address to the 1,000-plus crowd in Dodd Auditorium and then sat down with Edward Jones, managing editor of the Free Lance-Star, for an informal discussion in which she responded to audience questions ranging from the importance of objectivity in journalism to the crankiness of "60 Minutes" columnist Andy Rooney. The Mary Washington College Foundation paid Stahl \$25,000 to attend the event, raised from ticket sales.

Much of her discussion focused on Reagan's presidency, but Stahl also addressed the role of television in politics, affirmative action, balancing career and family, Watergate and the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"I have been fascinated by the way television affects our judgement, especially about politicians," she said.

Television is used to create "facades of imperturbability" for politicians, according to Stahl. She recalled that although Reagan almost died when he was shot in 1981, the television audience only saw pictures of Reagan smiling and joking with nurses.

Similarly, Stahl observed that the Clintons were shown smiling on television throughout the president's

impeachment ordeal. Stahl said their smiling faces was meant to send the message: "We're not overwhelmed, so you shouldn't be."

Asked if Reagan was a figurehead president, Stahl said he was not, but that he did have a keen understanding of television.

"Ronald Reagan was a master of leading us over television. He had an acute appreciation of the importance of pictures," she said.



Lesley Stahl. College Relations

CBS News hired Stahl in 1972, the same year affirmative action came into being.

"I'm an affirmative action baby," Stahl said.

Asked about affirmative action, Stahl said: "I see it as an opportunity I was given. After a while, I was competing on the same basis as men."

Despite past discrimination, Stahl said she thinks women and men now play by the same rules in broadcast journalism. "The men wear just as much hairspray as we do," she said.

Being one of the first women to cover politics in the news wasn't easy, Stahl admits. In her bestselling memoir, "Reporting Live," Stahl noted that she had to overcome the obstacles of being a female with blond hair.

Stahl, who is in her late 50s, was told at the beginning of her journalism career that no woman would last on television past age 40.

"First it was 40, then 45, then 50. Now they've stopped saying it," Stahl said.

Stahl has won three Emmy Awards, served as moderator of CBS's "Face The Nation," and now is in her ninth season at "60 Minutes."

Louise Ashby, executive director of the Fredericksburg Forum, said the event was a success.

"We wanted to get a female that was well known in the news business," she said.

Approximately 1,250 students, faculty and community members attended the program. Stahl's honorarium was generated entirely through ticket sales, Ashby said.

Laura Ostrowski, a sophomore who was required to attend the Forum for her news gathering class, said she enjoyed the program.

"She was a wonderful speaker," Ostrowski said. "She knew what she was talking about, but didn't lose her sense of humor."

Business Students Inconvenienced By Sunday Evening Classes

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I did not feel obligated to go," Babsly said. Though he didn't feel that he had to go, Babsly did attend the class and said, "It did not interfere with my activities."

According to the faculty handbook, a class cannot be scheduled outside its normal meeting time. Section 4.1.7.1 reads, "Class meetings are to be held at the times listed for the course in the Schedule of Courses published each semester." It goes on to say, "Any change in schedule must be approved by the department chair and the Dean of faculty."

Robert Frackelton, professor and chair of the business administration department declined to comment on this story. Woo said he told Frackelton verbally of the planned Sunday class.

"I did mention it to my department chair, but it was not written down formally," Woo said.

Woo has been teaching at the college for two years and this is his third semester teaching in the business department. Woo is a 1992 MWC graduate who works full time as a director of marketing analysis, is a full time doctoral student and teaches two class sections each semester at the college. He juggles his job, his schoolwork and his teaching daily, as was the case on Sept. 19.

"The reason that I held class on Sunday night was because I had to go to a conference in Orlando," Woo said. "It was a Financial Management Association conference, and my attendance was part of my doctoral work."

Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, though unaware of this

particular schedule change, said he is in favor of providing students with all of their scheduled classes.

"It is much better to make up a class rather than to just skip it. To skip the class would be to cheat the students in the process," Hall said. "The important thing is that there are arrangements made for a student who can not attend a rescheduled class."

The Faculty Handbook requires a faculty member to get approval from both the department head and the dean, but this does not often occur.

"It rarely comes to me, but the

on about his intended Sunday night class meeting.

"This was a one time thing. I told students on the first day," Woo said.

Students said they knew of the Sunday night class from the beginning.

"He told us on the first day that we would have class on a Sunday night," said senior Lauren Rizzzi. "He did not take attendance but he tests on the material presented in class, and we had a paper due that day."

One of the requirements for Woo's class is to turn in a weekly homework assignment.

"There was an assignment due that Sunday night, but it was no more than normal weekly homework, according to Woo. "There is always homework due."

Woo said he is grateful that his students were so cooperative about his schedule change. "I later offered my students a small amount of extra-credit as a thank you," Woo said.

Though his schedule includes a job, teaching and being a student himself, Woo said he is committed to the college.

"I am very dedicated to MWC. I graduated from this school, I served as the vice president of finance on the MWC alumni association for two years, and now I have returned as a professor," Woo said.

Though the rescheduling of a class bothered and inconvenienced some students, Hall said, "I would have been more upset if the class had just been canceled and the material left uncovered."

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